CHAPTER NO. 409

SENATE BILL NO. 1256

By Kyle, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1728

By Kernell, Henri Brooks, Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-111, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(y) An interpreter shall be provided to a surrendering parent or guardian who is not fluent in English before a final hearing on an adoption is conducted. The prospective adoptive parent or parents shall be responsible for payment of the cost of such interpreter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 27, 2005

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER USE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of June 2005

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR